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## WORKERS' INSTITUTE AND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

In connection with the biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference to be held in Oakland March 10 to 22, there is to be held a workers' institute. There have been similar institutes in connection with all the conferences thus far held in the various unions, beginning with the Atlantic Union December last. The reports from these institutes indicate great blessings in each one, and we expect similar blessings in ours.

We are surely living at a time when we have a right to expect great things from God. The time demands it. The perils of the last days are upon us, and only those who hide in Jesus are safe. The experience of the past is not sufficient for the present. The enemy is doing all in his power to weaken the hands of the workers in God's cause, and thus hinder its progress. There never was a time when it was more important that every one connected with God's work should have the constant indwelling of the Holy Spirit, than now. We need this precious gift to lift us above the power of the tempter, and

also to baptize us with power for service. We are now in the time of the latter rain, and it is infinitely important that we place ourselves in the channel of God's blessing.

We expect Elders A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, W. A. Spicer, and G. B. Thompson to be present to take part in the instruction. Other brethren from outside our field will doubtless be present, and will add to the importance of the occasion. Above all, we expect the Lord to be present, and to preside over the services by His blessed Spirit.

Each conference will notify the workers in its field who will be expected to attend. An invitation is extended to our brethren and sisters generally who can do so to be present at most of the services. The institute will be held chiefly for those connected with conference work; but all will be welcome, so far as there is accommodation.

### Conference

This will be held at the Oakland church, March 10 to 22. The conference will open Tuesday evening, March 10, and we hope to finish the business by Friday afternoon, the 13th. If we are not able to do this, it will be finished early the following week, so as not to interfere more than necessary with the work of the institute to begin Sabbath, the 14th. All delegates should be present Tuesday evening, at the opening of the conference. Committees will be appointed immediately, in order to expedite the work of the conference.

Directions for reaching the church will appear in these columns in due time. We solicit the prayers of all, that all things may be done in harmony with God's will. Let us pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

E. E. Andross.

## Temptations of Missionaries

[G. J. Pennings, in *Bombay Guardian*]

Many well-meaning friends of missions seem to have the opinion that the character of the missionary becomes miraculously transformed during his trip to, or following his arrival upon, the field, in such a way that he is lifted quite above the temptations to which ordinary Christians are subject. In spite of this generous supposition, there is nothing in either reason or in the early record of missions, as we find it in the Bible, which supports it. If it be true that the missionary is employed in breaking down the works of the kingdom of darkness, it stands to reason that the arch-tempter will not exempt from his wiles those who are engaged in destroying his work.

The Scripture record of early mission work is that Paul and Barnabas had a serious misunderstanding, that John Mark shirked his work for a while, and that Peter had to be reproved in the presence of all. If such imperfections appeared in those first days of apostolic zeal, we certainly can not expect missionaries to be very much different to-day. We write this, therefore, that those who really strive together with us in their prayers may the better know how to intercede for us.

One of the very first temptations to meet the missionary upon arrival is weakness of faith. It is one thing to sing, in the midst of a Christian congregation, a hundred voices joining in,

“Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run.”

It is another thing to sing it alone in the midst of thousands of followers of the false prophet who deny Christ's right to reign over them. The new ar-

rival on the mission field passes through some solemn hours when face to face with the dead monotony of human shame and sin. The halo which in his mind had been associated with mission work lifts like the morning mist before an Oriental sun. It is then that he begins to understand the Biblical definition of faith—that it is an assurance of things not seen. For to see the complete victory of Christ's kingdom on the mission field requires indeed the assurance of things not seen there as yet. Later, of course, he gets his "second wind," when he learns "to labor and to wait." But even then, at times the fanatic opposition, the numerous adversaries, the dense ignorance, and, above all, the meager results, cause him to feel his utter weakness and make him pray with the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith."

Another temptation arises from our aptitude to become accustomed to everything, and results in a state wherein neither the prospect of success beckons nor the lack of it pains; a condition where we neither catch with the eye of faith the signs of the approaching kingdom, nor are able to say with Paul, "I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart." At first, the innumerable Christless graves, the numbers of heathen and the low moral plane on which they live, affect the new missionary painfully. But there is such a thing as becoming accustomed to these things so that we shall take them as a matter of course. As a result he performs his work mechanically, not spontaneously; from a sense of duty, not with the emotions of hope and joy. Here again both the standard and the corrective are found in the spirit of the Master who never became insensitive and callous to sin and sorrow, nor ever despaired of the certain triumph of His kingdom.

Another temptation the missionary especially has to face arises from his relation to the people whom he came to reach. He is tempted to refrain from coming in real human contact with them, and to treat with them rather on a plane of duty than of love. Just what the attitude of the missionary should be towards the people he came to evangelize, no one can define exactly. No doubt the location of the field and one's individual characteristics would enter as factors in any answer to this question, but if we follow Christ's example, it is certain that the degree of contact He

expects us to have with the native is quite close. At this point arises the difficulty. The educated person at home naturally associates more with those who are of like mental attainments than with those who are less educated. The minister in the home land must constantly be on his guard lest he pay too much attention to the educated members of his flock to the neglect of those who have not enjoyed like educational advantages! Now, human nature on the field is not any different. But the average native is ignorant to a degree that constitutes the ignorant at home educated in comparison. The difference of race is another bar. View-points differ diametrically, "for the East is East, and the West is West." Religious antagonism cuts off almost all sympathy on the part of the native. To cap the climax, the language never becomes the easy and ready means for the exchange of thought that one's mother tongue is. Is it strange that *naturally* the missionary shrinks from putting himself in daily intimate contact with the native, not to speak of fellowship?

Directly in line with this there are a thousand and one things which combine to strengthen this tendency to refrain from close contact with the natives. The quiet of the study with its companionship of books, and the relief and restfulness of his home, tempt the missionary from uncongenial contact with ignorant people, whose thoughts move, almost invariably, within narrow limits and on a low moral plane. Again, the call of numerous other things such as repairs, the mail, household duties and the like, not to mention minor things, stand ready to supply the sop to his conscience for the neglect of this the very first purpose for which he came out. The human mind is adept at finding excuses for sins of omission.

But though he tends to this naturally, it does not follow that grace can not supply that wherein nature is deficient. Here again, as for all Christian work and workers, the cross of Christ is the true vantage-point. It is not because of the native's picturesque clothes or strange customs, but only by the power of grace divine that we can love the unlovely, and see in the worst the possibility of the best. Only when we are actuated by the spirit of Him who "emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant," will we with Paul bow our knees "unto the Father, from whom

every family in heaven and on earth is named," and feel tugging at our hearts the feelings of human friendship wherever we meet our fellow men.

It will not be necessary to mention all the temptations which attack the missionary, for to do so would be to mention well-nigh all those with which every Christian worker has to contend. We have mentioned the above in particular, for they more especially evolve from the interrelation of human imperfections with the problems of the mission field. What has been said is sufficient to show that we lay claim to no special sanctity. What we do the stronger lay claim to is, your effectual, fervent prayer in our behalf. Only thus will God's strength be made perfect in weakness, and we be enabled to make known with power the mystery of the gospel as we ought to speak.

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### Parental Authority — Its Use and Abuse

Read on "Parents' Day," January 17, in the southern California churches.

The establishment of the home in Eden, and the care of our heavenly Father in surrounding our first parents with all that was intended to strengthen and develop the highest type of men and women, should serve as an illustration to us to-day.

In the six thousand years that have followed, with all the organizations and inventions of man, no improvement has been made upon God's original plan.

The husband and the wife, being united in the bonds of love by which "they twain shall be one flesh," serve as a strong foundation for a complete home. So perfect and beautiful was God's design for the union of husband and wife, that He uses this as an illustration of the close relationship of His church to Himself.

The husband—house-band—should stand as the head of the home, and as the term implies, should bind the family together. God said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." Gen. 18: 19.

The wife should manifest confidence in the husband, and support him in his efforts to make the home all that it should be.

Careful instruction has also been given by the Lord concerning prenatal influence. Before the birth of Samson,

the angel of the Lord appeared twice to the mother, with this admonition: "Drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing." Manoah, the father, not being satisfied with the statement of the mother, entreated the Lord that the man of God might again appear to them, and tell them how they were to order the child. Again the angel of the Lord said, "Neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing."

In "Ministry of Healing" we read: "What the parents are, that, to a great extent, the children will be. The physical conditions of the parents, their dispositions and appetites, their mental and moral tendencies, are to a greater or less degree reproduced in their children."

The parent should learn self-control, and thus set a right example before the children. The parents are to stand in the place of God to their children, and should have authority over them, but this should be exercised in love and the fear of God.

A parent should not in anger correct a child. When a father or mother becomes angry and attempts to punish a child, the child at once recognizes the weakness of the parent, and does not have the reverence or even respect which a child should feel for a parent.

After such experiences, the parents usually feel that they have failed in their efforts to improve and strengthen the child. Many times, under such conditions, have parents administered punishment which has proved injurious to the physical as well as the moral health of the child. We sometimes see children who will carry through life the scars received in punishment by an angry father or mother.

The authority which manifests itself in brute force, antagonizes the child, develops the animal nature, and fails to accomplish the desired results.

The parent should appeal to the reason of the child, and combine affection and kindness with authority.

Fathers and mothers should not be so absorbed with business and cares of this life that they can not become acquainted with their children. Study the different temperaments, and gain the confidence of your children, that when reproof is needed, the child will know that you are seeking their good.

Christ loved the children, and entered

into their pleasures and trials, and sought to win them to Himself.

Dear parents, seek the Lord earnestly, and in the words of Manoah of old, say, "How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" Pray with your children as well as for them, and God will give you wisdom to know how and when to exercise authority.

Dr. A. W. Simpson.

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### Educational Sabbaths

Two educational Sabbaths were appointed at the last council. The first of these falls on March 7, and the second on August 8. The object of these educational Sabbaths is to give our people an opportunity to know more of the principles of Christian education and to become better informed as to the growth and needs of all lines of educational work.

For the first Sabbath, March 7, readings are to be prepared and sent to all the church elders. The readings for March 7 will be published in the March issue of the magazine *Christian Education*. A copy of this magazine will be mailed to all church elders in time to be read on that day. The readings will speak of our children and their care, and the church schools and their place, growth, and needs.

As a people, we have undertaken a work of great magnitude. A definite message is given us to carry to every nation; and every available resource is necessary to the accomplishment of this program. We are not only called to give our lives and means to this undertaking, but we are also called to dedicate our children, and educate them for the Master's service. These children form a very considerable asset for the future development of our work. The entire enrolment of our schools, including those in non-Christian lands, for 1913, numbers 26,322. To undertake the spiritual welfare of so many, and seek to train them and many others who will enter our schools, is a task which concerns all our church-members. It is therefore fitting that two Sabbaths each year should be devoted to the saving and educating of this great army of recruits. Hence we urge that our churches everywhere observe March 7 as an educational Sabbath. In many churches, it may be possible to have two sessions on

that day devoted to the interests of Christian education.

This occasion will offer an excellent opportunity for our ministers to preach on the subject of education, laying before our people the object of our schools, and the great work before us in saving our children and young people and preparing them for places of usefulness in the work. The cause of present truth needs the whole-hearted service of all the children within the denomination. We need constantly to keep before them the Lord's work, and the training and education necessary to make successful workers. We trust that our first educational Sabbath, March 7, may prove a great spiritual uplift to each church where it is carried on, and be a means of drawing the hearts of the parents toward their children, and helping all to realize more fully the responsibility that rests upon us in the cause of Christian education.

J. L. Shaw.

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### A Central Training-School in China

A training-school for China! Yes, our Sabbath-schools are planning to build it. The revolution in the interior of China has made impossible the continuance of a regular training-school there. A training-school must be carried on in China. It must be equipped. It must be located in a favorable place. At the recent General Conference council, such a school was considered one of the most urgent missionary enterprises requiring attention. The following action was taken:

"Resolved, That we request the Sabbath-schools to devote the offering for the thirteenth Sabbath, March 28, 1914, to the new central training-school for Chinese workers at Shanghai, to provide for the buildings required, the equipment for the school, and its maintenance so far as the fund raised will allow."

With confidence that our Sabbath-schools would accept this responsibility, the Mission Board cabled to the workers in Shanghai to proceed with the school buildings. These buildings are now nearing completion, and the school will soon be running in part. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Our Sabbath-schools will certainly enjoy building the training-school at Shanghai. Begin to plan now for March 28, the thirteenth Sabbath.

## The Field

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Conference Items

The following item was just received from S. J. Whitney, of Salida:

"It is hoped that the influence of the recent church institutes in northern California was felt generally as at Salida, January 31 and February 1. The following Sabbath, an opportunity was given to all to express themselves, and the entire time was taken up in social service, conducted by Brother L. A. Curtis. Many of the leading members are of the opinion that the spirit manifested was equal to or better than any in the history of the church before. Some humble confessions were made, some new conversions experienced. The young people and even the children were likewise deeply affected. Precautions were taken against depriving any of their privilege; but the attempt was made three times to close the meeting, and it seemed that hearts are being prepared for the reception of the Holy Spirit. May this be true as never before since the day of Pentecost, is our prayer."

Following is a list of the leaders of our churches. We would encourage the taking up of correspondence between these officers. We are sure this would prove very helpful. As one is perplexed along some certain lines, not knowing just how to proceed, it is possible another has had some experience that will aid in determining the best plan to follow.

*Camino.*—Deacon: Cleve Robinson, Camino.

*Chico.*—Elders: E. J. Urquhart, Frank Horning, Dr. C. C. Landis, Chico.

*Dos Palos.*—Deacon: C. L. Lambert, Dos Palos.

*Galt.*—Elder: G. S. Chambers, Galt.

*Hughson.*—Elder: F. B. Johnson, Hughson.

*Los Molinos.*—Elder: F. Richards, Los Molinos.

*Lodi, German.*—Elder: Philip Schmidt, Lodi.

*Lodi, English.*—Elders: D. T. Fero, C. N. Nichols, Lodi.

*Le Grand.*—Elder: Martin Baumgartner, Le Grand.

*Modesto.*—Elder: J. C. Rasmussen, Rt. 1, Ceres.

*Merced.*—Elder: W. K. Ball, Merced.

*Manteca.*—Elder: L. O. Lyman, Rt. 1, Manteca.

*Oakdale.*—Elder: M. C. Israel, Oakdale.

*Oroville.*—Elder: Frank Yeoman, Rt. 1, Oroville.

*Paradise.*—Elder: Edward Sutter, Rt. 1, Paradise.

*Placerville.*—Deacon: Joseph Dreschler, Diamond Springs.

*Redding.*—Elder: J. C. Duncan, Oak.

*Red Bluff.*—Deacon: Chris Jensen, Red Bluff.

*Salida.*—Elders: S. J. Whitney, L. A. Curtis, Salida.

*Stockton.*—Elders: C. E. Cook, 2004 E. Market St., Stockton; J. N. Webb, Peters.

*Sacramento.*—Elders: J. E. Price, 2947 Center Ave.; W. D. Davis, 2301 K St.; P. J. Peterson, 2301 K St., Sacramento.

*Turlock.*—Elders: B. E. Baldwin, A. F. Dorsch, S. H. Colvin, Turlock.

*Woodland.*—Leader: Mrs. Lucy Bush, Woodland.

*Winton.*—Deacon: E. S. Riley, Winton.

Office.

### "California Dry," 1914

Our readers throughout the state will, we believe, appreciate the suggestions made by F. F. Wheeler, chairman Headquarters Committee, "California Dry" Federation, addressed to the Seventh-day Adventists of southern California. He said:

"I am pleased to accept the invitation of one of your leaders to say just a word as to what you can do to assist us in the great undertaking to make California 'dry.'

"We have succeeded splendidly in our efforts to unify and federate all the different anti-liquor organizations. Nearly every single Protestant church is now lined up with us, and so far as I know, every temperance organization is heartily with us. Those organizations and leaders that doubted the wisdom of a 1914 campaign recognize the wishes of the 80,000 people who signed our petition as settling permanently the question as to whether the campaign should be brought on this year or not, and they are now vying with each other in a very manly and gratifying manner as to who can do the best work in driving the liquor traffic out of California.

"The things we are now particularly urging our supporters to do are, first:

"See that a local 'Dry' Federation is organized in your community. If one is not already organized, may I suggest that your people take the initiative in

interviewing the leaders of the temperance forces and churches, and agree with them upon a time and place for a union meeting, placing the date a week or ten days ahead, so that every one can plan to be present? Our headquarters will gladly furnish a standard constitution which is being adopted all over the state; then the election of the usual officers and at least one member of a central committee from every precinct in the town or city completes the organization. Behind every precinct captain should be a band of from half a dozen to twenty volunteer workers ready to cooperate and assist in any manner possible.

"The first practical thing to do is to see that every supporter of our cause is registered. This can best be done by these precinct workers going from house to house and finding out who is for us and who is against us. Cards will be furnished by headquarters on which the signer promises to support the amendment at the polls next November. A pledge envelope system has been adopted, by which our supporters can contribute as much per month as they are able during the balance of the campaign.

"Meetings should be held in pulpits, on the street, as often as circumstances will permit, and the circulation of literature should be followed persistently.

"Our prospects are exceedingly bright, and the spirit of confidence that we shall carry this state next November is growing very steadily. On the other hand, our enemies have already recognized the danger for them, and are organizing and raising a very large campaign fund. At least five of our far Western states will have a similar campaign, and half a dozen more of the Eastern states will do likewise.

"The National Liquor League will, therefore, have their attention somewhat divided, and we believe this year is an unusually good time for us to expect victory.

"Let every man and every woman do his level best, for each of us can do a good deal if we will. We are not called upon to sacrifice our life, nor our fortune nor our honor, but we are called upon to give the best that is within us.

"Knowing the character of the rank and file of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as I do, I know we shall have the support of al-

most every man and woman within your ranks.

"Cordially yours,

"Fred F. Wheeler,

"Chairman Headquarters Committee  
'California Dry' Federation."

**Periodical Sales of the California Conference for the Month Ending January 31, 1914**

	Copies	Value
<i>Signs Magazine</i>		
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Callicotte	50	\$ 5.00
Miss Ruth Crane	25	2.50
Mrs. W. A. Gonter	150	15.00
Mrs. F. M. Grimmett	50	5.00
Mrs. E. D. Mills	50	5.00
Miss Florence Morser	101	10.10
Oakland Missionary Society	50	5.00
Office sales	75	7.50
<i>Life and Health</i>		
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Callicotte	100	10.00
Miss Ruth Crane	25	2.50
Eureka Missionary Society	100	10.00
Mrs. S. Graves	500	50.00
Mr. M. M. Hust	100	10.00
Mrs. E. D. Mills	50	5.00
Office sales	184	18.40
<i>Watchman</i>		
Mrs. S. Graves	200	20.00
Miss Florence Morser	19	1.90
Oakland Missionary Society	100	10.00
Office sales	18	1.80
<i>Life Boat</i>		
Mr. M. M. Hust	50	5.00
<i>Chinese Signs</i>		
Mrs. F. A. Coffin	66	6.60
Miss Ruth Crane	100	10.00
<i>Liberty</i>		
Office sales	10	1.00
<i>Protestant</i>		
Office sales	14	1.40
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
Office sales	11	1.10
Total magazine sales	2,198	\$219.80
Miscellaneous subscriptions	682	332.21
Grand totals	2,880	\$552.01
	H. B. Thomas.	

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**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1914**

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
<b>Northern California</b>						
M. A. Reese	B. R.	17	6	\$6.85	\$23.85	\$1.85
H. W. Barto	P. G.	28	4	1.35	15.35	1.35
Miscellaneous, 50%					16.75	
Miscellaneous, 40%				4.50	4.50	
				\$12.70	\$60.45	\$3.20

<b>Central California</b>						
I. Hansen	D. R.		8	\$2.50	\$27.50	\$26.50
F. O. Jensen	P. G.		11	6.35	44.85	8.00
Rosa Winterberg	P. P. F.		1		3.25	12.75
P. E. Scoggins						\$63.50
<b>4 Agents</b>				\$8.85	\$75.60	\$110.75

<b>Southern California</b>						
H. E. Farmer	B. R. & P. G., Span.	26	12		\$67.20	
C. E. Grey	P. P. F. & B. R.	26	7		25.00	
Miscellaneous					21.50	
					\$113.70	

**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING FEB. 6, 1914**

<b>Arizona</b>						
A. E. Gann	D. & R.	42	11	\$12.00	\$71.50	
G. H. Reese	P. & P.	10	3		9.00	
<b>2 Agents</b>				52	14	\$12.00 \$80.50

**A Temperance Resolution**

Every church holding a special temperance rally, should put itself on record as to its stand in the campaign for a dry state, by the adoption of a strong temperance resolution. This should not only be adopted, but it should become a part of a report of the meeting which should be handed in to the newspapers of the town or city in which held. To assist in the drafting of such a resolution, we offer the following form, which has been of assistance to some of our churches. This should be introduced at the close of the temperance program, by some one who will read it with spirit. A rising vote should be taken.

"Whereas, We are convinced that the liquor traffic is a constant menace to our homes, our schools, our churches, and our state, a disgrace to our civilization, and the cause, directly and indirectly, of an infinite amount of misery and crime; and—

"Whereas, At the opening of the present prohibition campaign, we wish to reaffirm similar resolutions adopted at many of our annual conference sessions;

"Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of —, do hereby pledge ourselves to use every honorable and lawful means by which the manufacture, transportation, and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverages shall forever be prohibited;

"And be it further Resolved, That we will continue with even greater zeal, by

voice and pen and vote, by precept and example, and by the judicious circulation of specially prepared temperance literature, the campaign of education along health and temperance lines which has characterized this denomination ever since its organization."

Clyde Lowry.

Please continue to send papers and tracts suitable for general missionary work to brother James Harvey, 1730 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1914

Elder E. E. Andross was called to southern California the past week to conduct the funeral services of Elder C. T. Adams, the son of Elder J. W. Adams.

### Wanted

To correspond with a sister in need of a home. No children. Am alone. Work easy. Age, seventy-six. Can pay \$15 a month. Good reference required. Address Mrs. J. E. McDowell, 1110 South Reservoir, Pomona, Cal.

Elder A. G. Christiansen, superintendent of the Nevada Mission, is conducting a series of meetings in Reno. Of these he says: "The interest in our meetings is still good. We will present the Sabbath question to-night [February 12]. Hope a few will take their stand for the commandments."

From Safford, Arizona, Sister Essie B. Williams notes the following: "The little company of believers here under the leadership of Elder W. L. Sims, are diligently seeking for the truth. There are several who are deeply interested in this message, who have not yet taken hold of it, but we hope that they will do so ere it is too late."

### California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the seventeenth annual constituency meeting of the above association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 11, 1914, at twelve o'clock M., for the election of directors, amending of by-laws, and for the trans-action of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. W. Farnsworth, *President*.  
J. J. Wessels, *Secretary*.

Brother Charles N. Lake and wife arrived in San Francisco Wednesday, February 11, from Tokyo, Japan, where for more than two years Brother Lake has had charge of our Japanese printing-office, and the work of secretary and treasurer of the Japan Mission. They regretted greatly to leave the work in Japan, but for a year Sister Lake has been suffering a nervous difficulty that made it imperative that they return to the home land.

Last Friday Brother C. E. Weaks and wife and Miss Belle Shryock arrived in San Francisco on their return from India. They came *via* China and Japan, and had a very pleasant voyage, notwithstanding the fact that a portion of the trip was made during monsoon season. Both Sister Weaks and Sister Shryock are broken in health and needed to return. Brother Weaks has been in India in charge of the book work for more than four years, having gone from the North Pacific Union Conference, where he was acting as field agent of that union. He has accepted the invitation from the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee to take charge of the book work in the Pacific Union Conference, and will enter upon his work at once. Sister Weaks will spend some time at the St. Helena Sanitarium. Sister Shryock has gone to the Loma Linda Sanitarium. She has been a worker in India for a number of years.

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, February 7, at Lodi. Friday Elders E. J. Hibbard and W. C. White, Brother J. J. Ireland, and I went to Lodi in company, and all stayed at the academy. Sabbath morning Elder White spoke to the part of the church assembled at the academy chapel, and I spoke at the church. In the afternoon all met at the church, and Elder Hibbard spoke. There was a large attendance at each service.

We remained over Sunday and Monday, attending to union conference matters. Sunday other members of the union conference committee and college board came in from various parts of the state, and Monday and Tuesday the local conference committee and academy board considered important matters.

I greatly enjoyed my visit with the Lodi church and the students of the

academy. Tuesday morning I met with the students at the chapel hour. It is certainly encouraging to see so many young people preparing for service in this cause. We hope to see the educational work throughout this union conference become more efficient in training workers for God, but we are indeed thankful for what we now see in the Lodi Academy.

E. E. Andross.

### Reduced Rates to the Conference

Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, and Northwestern Pacific railway companies for reduced rates to the Pacific Union Conference, to be held in Oakland, California, March 10 to 22, 1914, on the receipt-certificate plan, namely, one and one third fare for the round trip, from all stations in California.

Tickets will be on sale for the going trip March 1 to 22, inclusive; certificates to be honored for return March 11 to 27, inclusive.

When purchasing tickets, tell the agent that you are going to attend the Seventh-day Adventist conference in Oakland. Pay full fare and ask for a receipt. When these receipts have been signed by the secretary of the conference, they will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one third the regular rate, provided that not less than fifty persons hold receipts over all concurring lines.

Stopover privileges will be allowed on the going trip if the agent is notified at the time of purchasing ticket. No stopovers will be allowed on the return trip.

Be sure to take a receipt when purchasing your ticket, as no allowances or rebates will be made to those who fail to do this. Then have these receipt-certificates signed by the secretary of the conference before presenting the same to ticket agent for return trip.

C. H. Jones,  
*Transportation Agent.*

"How few there are who are truly humble, devoted, God-fearing servants in the cause of Christ, whose hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving, because they are called to act a part in the work of God, being collaborators with Jesus Christ, partakers with Christ of His sufferings!"